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Sir:

I, Eiko KATO, hereby declare and state that:

(1) I am the sole inventor of the invention claimed in claims 2, 3, 7, 8 and 11 - 17 of the present application.

(2) I was solely responsible for any disclosure of the invention of claims 2, 3, 7, 8 and 11 - 17 of the present application which may be present in US 2005/0048011 A1.

(3) Although Toshi Tsuzuki, Jiro Takaka, Yoshiharu Karube, Kazuhisa Matsunaga, and Shizuko Kobayashi, along with the undersigned, are listed as co-inventors of the invention claimed in US 2005/0048011 A1, Toshi Tsuzuki,

Jiro Takaka, Yoshiharu Karube, Kazuhisa Matsunaga, and Shizuko Kobayashi were not responsible for any disclosure of the present invention in that published application and did not make an inventive contribution to any claim of the present application.

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001, of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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